

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the originally filed Abstract of the Disclosure at page 13, in its entirety and replace the same to read as follows:

The present invention relates to a process for preparing an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride by reacting an unsaturated carboxylic acid and a lower aliphatic carboxylic acid anhydride in the presence of a stabilizer and catalyst that contains a metal salt of an anionic organic compound which has at least one carboxyl group.